GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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CONDOMS FOR WOMEN
Gadakh Shri Tukaram Gangadhar

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made regarding the introduction of condoms for women as part of targeted intervention strategy of NACO;

(b) whether any time bound programme has been chalked out;

(c) whether the funds have been allocated for this programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the decision regarding cost, subsidy, procurement and distribution network etc. has been taken; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a):A study was conducted by M/s Hindustan Latex Family Planning Promotion Trust to find out acceptability of the Female Condom as an option to the Male Condoms to increase protection against STD and HIV infection. On the basis of favorable reports, it has been decided that the component of Condom Promotion under NACO shall be strengthened by introducing Female Condoms.

(b): Yes Sir.

(c): Yes Sir.

(d): UNFPA has placed an order for 500100 Female Condoms for NACO during 2005 -2006 at a total cost of Rs. 1.75 Crore. A total provision of Rs.200 Crore has been made in the budget allocations for procurement of Condoms (both male & female) during 2006-2007

(e):Yes Sir.

(f): In the 7 high prevalence States (A.P, Karnataka, Tamilnadu, Maharastra, Kerala, Gujarat and West Bengal), Female Condoms are being provided to the female sex workers at a subsidized rate of Rs. 5/-, although the purchase price of the Female Condom is (approx) Rs. 45/- per piece.

Female Condom is being distributed through State AIDS Control Society in all the States, who select the Non-Governmental Organizations implementing Targeted Interventions amongst female sex workers.